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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Kambiz Abdi. (3) _____.

(2) Amir Penn. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 24 May 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 27, 35, 40, and 41.

Identification of prior art discussed: N/A.

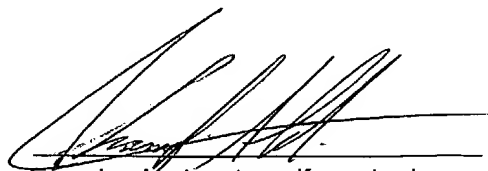
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative expanded on the alleged inventive steps and merits of the claimed invention. In particular applicant's representative expanded on the role of the "economic merit order" that is present in the claims 27, 35, 40 and 41 as how it is distinguishing the selection of price and provider of the commodity based on the definition of this "economic merit order". Examiner would wait for the amended claims to be submitted by the applicant's representative and will be responding accordingly. No agreements were reached.